

# The Other Press

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## DCSS gets safe walk off the ground

Douglas College is close to having a new safe walk program in operation — and you have the Douglas College Student Society to thank for it.

The safe walk program will provide a safe escort in a three-block radius of the college. The program should be in operation by the end of the semester.

New Westminster City Police tallied 1005 assaults in 1993, 50 of which were sexual assaults.

David Freylinger, Vice-President Internal and active in getting the safe walk program off the ground with co-worker Joe Spears, felt that the action was necessary.

"I just want students to be able to come to campus at night without being killed, or raped, or beaten up," Freylinger said.

The program costs more than you might think. Original startup costs could be as high as \$40,000. That's partly because a kiosk will be built on the concourse to contain the safe walk program's gear. It will be installed right across from the Security booth, beside the bank machine.

Freylinger said they are asking administration to foot some of the bill for the venture, and plans are in the works for community donations and sponsorships.

Because of their contract to Douglas College, security cannot leave the campus grounds, making the safe walk an even bigger necessity.

### A note from your ombudsoffice

by Carla Alexander

The Ombudsoffice provides confidential assistance to students that usually takes the form of advice. Many students need a sounding board for their difficulties and information concerning how to address the issue at hand.

The Ombudsoffice may direct the student to various departments within the college, such as Student Services, or may help prepare the student to solve his or her difficulty personally.

The Ombudsperson has attended meetings between instructors and students to help facilitate communication and lend confidence to the student. The office may also be of assistance in the drafting of appeals.

The Ombudsoffice is provided for students by the Douglas College Student Society (DCSS). The college has provided the Ombudsoffice with private office space and furnishings, while the DCSS staffs the office with a qualified student

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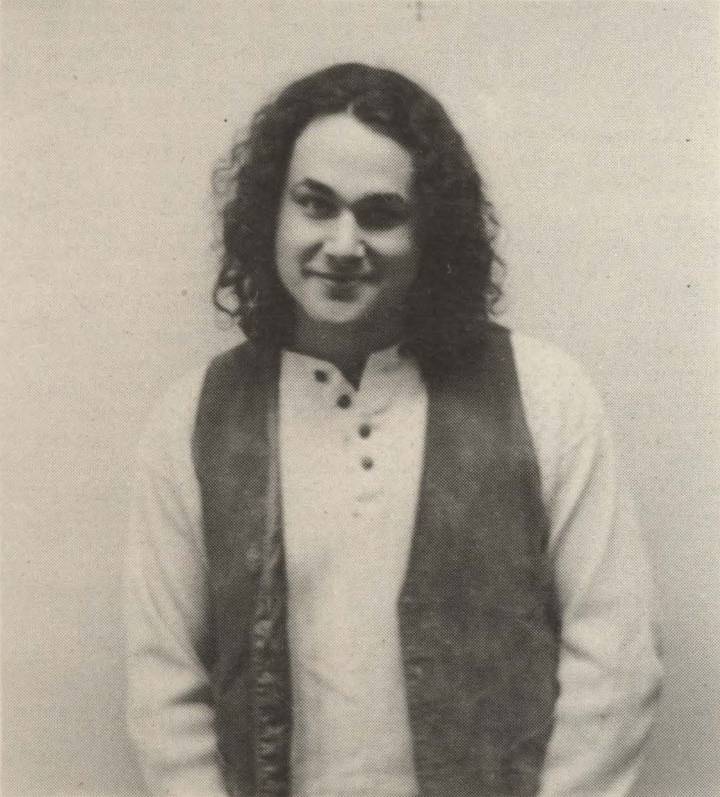


PHOTO: Tim Cumley

David Freylinger, VP Internal of the DCSS, helped get the program going.

### EDITORIAL

by Deesy Esses

In 1993, 1005 assaults took place in New Westminster, 50 of which were of a sexual nature. Most of these crimes occurred at night and on victims that were traveling alone. Although these numbers may seem alarmingly high as compared to larger cities such as Vancouver, they are nonetheless, far above the what should be considered an acceptable limit. ZERO is an acceptable limit! Although there is no way to guarantee absolute safety, there are things that can be done to lower the chances of being a victim.

There are approximately 3100 full time students, 4100 part time students attending Douglas College, and 700 staff and faculty members. Unfortunately there are not nearly enough spaces to fulfill the demand for parking. Obviously this means many people are forced to park on the streets of New Westminster and walk to the college. Walking to their cars alone at night puts drivers in a high risk group. The Douglas College Student Society is attempting to combat crime by implementing a program called the Douglas College Safewalk Project.

This Program will offer students, staff and faculty a safe and friendly escort to either their cars parked off campus (up to a three block radius of the College) or the New Westminster Skytrain Station. The hours of operation

will be 6:00 pm until 10:30 pm Mondays through Fridays, thus, no one will be forced to walk to their transportation alone at night. Probably the single most important factor of this program is acquiring volunteers to do the escorting. Without volunteers, the program cannot work. The program is designed to provide two volunteers, a female and a male, for each escort. The start-up crew will consist of three team per night so the program needs enough volunteers to fill 30 positions per week.

Taking into account the legal and administrative tasks required to operate such a program, the Student Society has plans of a mid-February starting date. Hopefully the program can be initiated sooner. Before the program can get started though, they need volunteers! Besides the satisfaction of knowing they are providing a worthwhile service, there are other benefits to volunteers involved with this program. It is an excellent place to meet new people from the college and helps build and develop public relations skills. Also, many employers out there, especially in policing and other government agencies, are now requiring prospective applicants to have community volunteer experience before even accepting their applications. This volunteering also fulfills some of the criteria required for scholarships and bursaries. Perhaps even the satisfaction of knowing that they will be helping to make the Douglas College community

a safer place to be will attract volunteers to the Safewalk program.

The responsibility to make this program successful relies upon students to volunteer. Any students who wish to be a part of this program are encouraged

to contact Safewalk Coordinator Joe Spear at 527-5575 or David Freylinger of the Douglas College Student Society at 527-5110. Thank you for your support. Let's make sure no one feels unsafe at Douglas College!

## Having a language partner is good for your health

A new semester begins at Douglas College today. And with the new semester comes new challenges, new goals.

Jeff McDonald at least one goal this semester.

McDonald temporarily takes the place of Lani Hyde this semester as Coordinator of the Language Partner program, which matches ESL students at Douglas with students whose native language is English. He really wants people to take advantage of the program.

"It provides a great opportunity for students both from the ESL student's perspective and the volunteer's perspective," he said.

Volunteers agree to free up an hour of their time a week to converse with an ESL student. There are some guidelines that students may follow in conversation, but it is left up to the part-

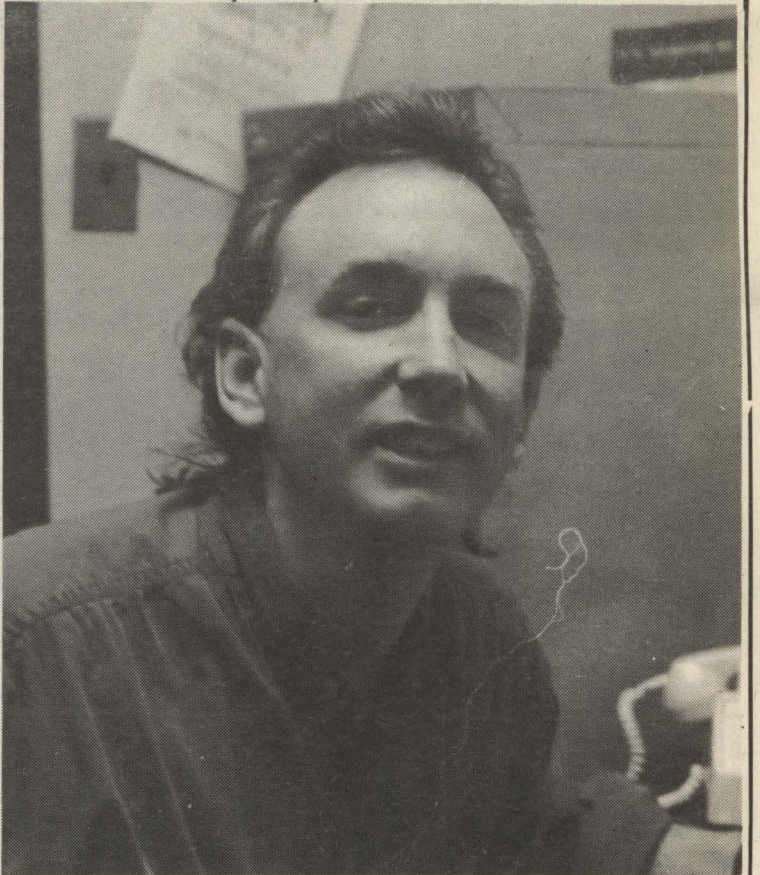
ners themselves what to talk about.

"There is some orientation," McDonald said. "The students who do orientation get some training in cross-cultural communication from the ESL instructors [at the college]."

McDonald knows from experience how valuable it is to be a language partner. He was one three years ago. The benefits can be more rewarding than job experience. "Charlie Kwon [McDonald's partner] considered me his first Canadian friend."

McDonald thinks the program will be ultimately rewarding for all involved.

"This country is not a melting pot — it's a mosaic. I don't think ESL should be looked at as diluting other cultures, that people who learn ESL can operate in two cultures. It think we can all learn to operate in lots of different cultures."



Jeff McDonald would really, really like you to be a language partner.

## Parking increase goes ahead, some students want to stop them

by Deesy Esses

As most of you may realize an increase went ahead without interruption even though the Douglas College Student Society collected more than 1500 student names in petition against the increase proposed by administration. Administration originally stated that a petition of more than 500 names would be considered as student opinion. The 1500 name student opinion

was all but ignored by administration when the parking motion passed in less than 20 minutes. The implemented increase is as follows:

	OLD RATES	NEW RATES
Hourly	\$0.25	\$0.50
Daily	\$1.50	\$2.50
Evening	\$0.50	\$1.00
Semester	\$54.72	\$80.00

The increase will hurt Douglas College Students. Most stu-

dents have limited finances. An increase of more than 45 per cent in the monthly rate will only strain further the limited resources of full-time students who work part-time or who are on student loan.

The increase is to provide more parking in a new building that is being constructed on the corner of Lome and Carnarvon Streets adjacent to the College Place Hotel. Although the in-

crease is for a valid cause there is of course little chance that rates will decrease to their previous levels once the building is paid for. Have a Happy New Year...

If you are interested, you can sign a petition protesting the parking increases at the DCSS.

ed. note: For what it's worth, the College says the cost is also to cover GST and PST on parking.

Until recently, the College absorbed the cost of GST for

parking. That changed when the provincial government changed its rules about what it collects tax on. Many items which had previously been exempt were included under PST legislation introduced last year. It was at this point that the college decided to not absorb the tax.

This is Douglas College's first parking fee increase since the structure was built in 1982.



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Douglas College Language Partner Program. While helping an ESL student at Douglas College, you can learn about a new country and culture, improve or learn a new language, make new friends from around the world and gain experience for future careers.

The days and times you meet are flexible. The required time commitment is one hour per week per semester. For more information. Contact Jeff MacDonald at 527-5412.

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**STUDENT OMBUDSOFFICE** is available to students experiencing difficulties with policy and its implementation. Assistance, advice, information, direction, help with appeals, facilitation and support offered. Service is confidential. Contact Ombudsperson Carla Alexander at 527-5016, or go to Room 1242 (next to the Campus Deli).

**THE DISABLED WOMEN'S NETWORK** (DAWN Vancouver) will be holding a meeting January 9 from 2pm - 4pm at 501 E.

Broadway, Vancouver. All disabled women interested in meeting together for support and information sharing are invited. For more information call Julie at 253-6620.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Douglas College Safe Walk Program. The Douglas College Safe Walk Program is looking for people willing to volunteer their time for their program. The program is designed to provide Douglas College students and staff with a safe and friendly escort to either their vehicles parked off campus or the New Westminster Skytrain Station if you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please inquire at the Douglas College Student Society, Room 2780 (on the main concourse level).

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**I REMEMBER** a band named Déja Voodoo. They were really neat guys from Montréal. The guitarist, Gerard Van Herk, only used the top three strings on his guitar and didn't even string the others, while Tony Dewald, the drummer, only used a snare. They sang songs like "Big Piles of Mud" and "Surfin' On Mars." I miss them — a lot.

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## NEWS

# Censors have a hard time slicing up the Internet

**VICTORIA (CUP)** — Erotica-Animals, Erotica-Children, Erotica-Male, Erotica-Female, Erotica-Gay and Erotica-Bisexual are yours at the push of a button.

Press a few keys in the Internet computer network, and you are invited to look through this file area, Erotica. For some, it's a garden of delights. For others, it's a field ripe for the censor's blade.

Internet's ostensible function is to exchange academic and scientific information around the world. But it also includes files on almost anything imaginable, including the stuff that drives puritans mad.

"It's sex education of the worst kind for our kids," says Dolina Smith, president of Canadians for Decency, who demand the removal of erotic material from the Internet.

"I think we have a responsibility to the society."

With the growth of Internet, the ability to access such files has sparked a debate over the propriety of computer files. One question is whether the elimination of these files is a breach of freedom of speech and information, protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"I think this freedom of speech thing has been carried far too far," argues Smith. "Our families are going down, all in the name of freedom of speech."

Internet proponents and civil libertarians would like to allow users access to all files without restriction.

A six-member University of British Columbia task force on the Appropriate Use of Information Technology last September looked into the pornographic contents of Internet.

"I don't think that it's a particular problem," says task force member Shirley Marcus. "If you don't like it you don't have to look at it."

"If you went to turn on your computer it wouldn't be sitting there," she adds, noting that users must actively search out such information.

And people are tapping in.

Boardwatch magazine ran a reader's poll of the best computer boards. Three of the top ten were "ExplicitAdult" systems—including Pleasure Dome, based in Tidewater, Virginia.

Pleasure Dome offers electronic access to networks like ThrobNet, SwingNet, StudNet and KinkNet, according to a recent article in Time.

Internet is designed for the free flow of information, but another B.C. university has decided to restrict some con-

tent.

"It is intended to be open to encourage people to do different things," says Worth Johnson, manager of network operations at Simon Fraser University. "The nature of Internet is to allow anything to go on."

SFU decided to exclude anything from their system that was not "scholarly," said Johnson.

Sam Scully, a University of Victoria vice-president, said Internet should be wide-open for the general transmission of information.

UVic supports the "general right of access of any kind for academic research versus the collective right to protect people from offensive and repugnant things," he says.

There is no test to prove the academic merit of material on the system. If there was, it would likely entail much time to keep up with the rapid input — and much controversy over its interpretations.

In Canada, there is a six per cent growth in the Internet system every month.

"There is no controlling what's getting trafficked," said Johnson. "Over the upcoming years will be a period of creating new processes and rules."

Internet is the "only working anarchy in the world," said Richard Pitt, system administrator for Wimsey, an electronic bulletin board based in Vancouver.

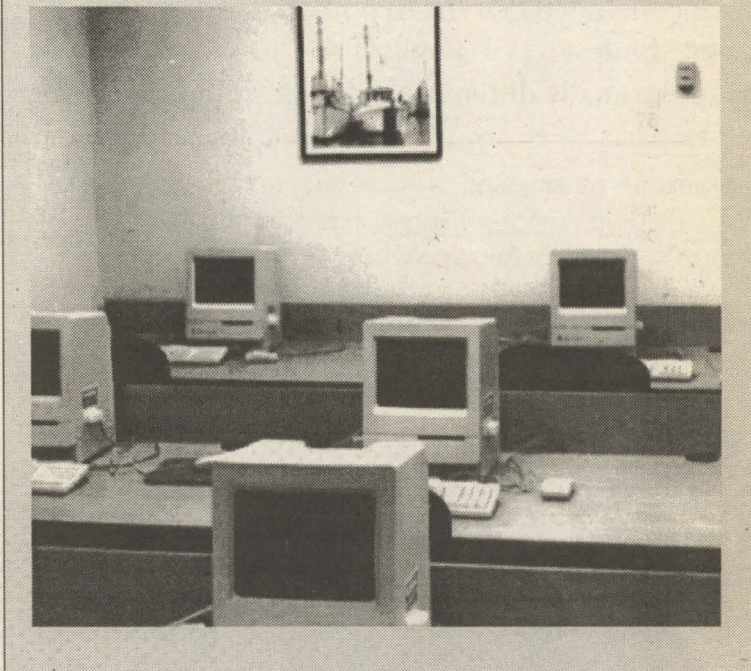
## New Mac lab for students

by Scott Simmer

**Here Ye, Here Ye!** The students of Douglas College now have a new place to create written works of art: the DC Library's new Mac Word Processing Lab!

The DC Student Society has purchased eight Apple Macintosh Classic II Personal computers to replace the aging typewriter room on the top floor of the library, which had become out of date. The new computers are easy to use, fast, and quiet; making even the

longest and ugliest of school reports most beautiful (especially due to the laser printers, the only ones available for student use). The lab is staffed by a Lab monitor to assist students in using the computer writing systems. The lab is now open, and is available every day during library hours. Remember to bring a 3.5 inch (small and hard) computer disk (available in the bookstore) to save your work and your student card.



## Computing science celebrates big finish

**(Simon Fraser WEEK)** — A team of undergraduate students is celebrating a second place finish in the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Pacific regional contest held in Oregon November 20.

SFU computing students finished ahead of 34 universities, including Stanford University. The finish qualifies them for an international meet in March. "It also shows the high quality of students in SFU's computing science program," says Arvind Gupta, professor and computing 'coach.'

"We've got some great undergraduate students in computing science - this proves the point," says Gupta, who coached two teams along with PhD student Valerie Summers. The students were chosen from a computing science class that focuses specifically on problem-solving.

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The contest challenges students to tackle a series of nine problems, to be solved using a computer, over a period of five hours. Problems ranged from writing a program that keeps track of bowling scores, to creating useful new ways to compress and translate data.

Despite spending less time than other teams preparing for the event, SFU managed to solve the first four problems before any of the other teams. They were edged out by Berkeley, who finished the fifth problem in the final moments of the competition.

Winning students were Matthew Spears, David Bullock and Erick Wong.

Their efforts were paid off with a plaque, but Gupta says the real victory is in the honour it brings. "The ACM sets out to bring more recognition to undergraduate programs, and contests like this show just how talented our students are," says Gupta.

## Ombudsoffice

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This office is an imitation of the classical Ombudsman. The most important elements of an Ombudsoffice are confidentiality and autonomy: autonomy is guaranteed by the by-laws and constitution of the Student Society. This allows the Ombudsperson to give advice and make recommendations that are free from political self-preservation, and therefore more likely to be based on the ideal.

The ideal for the Ombudsperson is that persons receive fair and just treatment, whether during individual contact, like the teacher-student relationship, or more impersonal interaction of college policy and student. The classical Ombudsperson is empowered with the ability to make recommendations to Parliament regarding a law or policy of government, and the power to investigate (including the ability to subpoena witnesses and documents).

Some colleges and universities in Canada have been given these privileges by their Board. This office, however, is

as yet much more limited by its resources and lacks formal mandate from the College Board of Directors and Administration. During the term of office of this Ombudsperson, however, both faculty and administration have recognized and assisted the Ombudsoffice.

The power of this office lies in the perception of the community that the Ombudsperson is unbiased and fair in her treatment of issues and the people surrounding them. She determines the situation as clearly as possible and advises the student what course to take, trying to take into account the perspectives of all involved. Therefore, while in this case the Ombudsoffice is provided for students, the Ombudsperson is an advocate for fairness, not a student advocate.

Often the Ombudsperson becomes an advocate for the student, but not necessarily. These roles are quite different in perspective, and are normally treated quite separately. (i.e. The University of Manitoba has both a full-time Ombudsperson and a Student Advocate.)

Carla Alexander is the Ombudsperson for Douglas College. Her number is 527-5016. You can also see her in Room 1242, next to the Campus Deli.

## British Isles still in ecological danger

**London (GP)** — A year on from the Braer disaster, nothing effective has been done to safeguard Britain's coasts, fisheries and ecology from the threat of yet more and more serious tanker disasters, Greenpeace said in a press release. On 5 January 1993, the Braer oil tanker lost power and foundered on the rocks at Garths Ness, Shetland, spilling 85,000 tonnes of light crude oil into the water and onto the coast of Shetland.

"While the ecology of the Shetland Islands seems to have escaped this time from a major ecological disaster, the UK Government has done little to prevent any future accidents around this fragile coast," said Paul Horsman. "Meanwhile tanker owners and the oil industry are cutting more corners than ever, and the likelihood of more accidents rise with an increasingly aging tanker fleet."

In a letter to Shipping Minister, Lord Caithness Greenpeace said that little has been done to stop tankers using the Fair Isle channel south of Shetland or the much narrower and ecologically vulnerable Minches between the Outer Hebrides and the west coast of Scotland.

"The Government's policy of voluntary measures (1) and laissez faire is wholly inadequate to protect Britain's coastline and is simply courting disaster," said the letter. Greenpeace and other organisations have called for man-

datory tanker exclusion zones near environmentally sensitive areas. The UK Government's voluntary measures contrasts sharply with stricter measures applied in other parts of the world. Following the Haven oil spill in the Gulf of Genoa, the Italian Government established a mandatory exclusion zone in the Strait of Bonifacio. This prevents laden tankers and ships carrying other hazardous cargoes from passing through this area.

A combination of extreme storms and the light oil dispersed the Braer's deadly cargo and prevented the sort of acute wildlife deaths seen with heavier oil in disasters such as the Exxon Valdez.

Greenpeace research begun immediately after the disaster and continued at Plymouth University shows that oil was taken up by species of marine life, including some of those living at the bottom of the sea. "The research we have undertaken is a small part of what still needs to be investigated" said Horsman.

One area would be followup on information in an interim report by the Scottish Office released last May, which said that 30-40% of the oil from the Braer ended up in a basin on the sea bed about 50 miles south of the Shetlands.

"The lesson of the Braer disaster should be that Governments must take

effective action to control the oil industry by putting sensitive areas off limits - but sadly it looks as if the UK Government lost interest once the television crews went home", Horsman said.

The oil industry must realise that the oil they produce and distribute is polluting at every stage in its life cycle, from its extraction and transport, through to its eventual use when the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), produced from burning oil, is pumped into the atmosphere, threatening the climate.

The only way to prevent the massive environmental damage from oil is to begin now to work towards a future where oil is replaced by alternative renewable energy supplies.

Note: Following the Braer oil spill, after first stating that it would be unworkable to have exclusion zones, the UK Government entered into a voluntary agreement with the British Chamber of Shipping. This agreement declared certain areas to be avoided.

However, it is well known that voluntary agreements do not work. Any vessels that actually comply are likely to be from reputable tankers owners with well trained crews, thus missing the very ships which need to be controlled.



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**TORONTO (CUP)** — During a conference held at Harvard University last spring, neuroscientist Simon LeVay sounded alarmed.

In 1991, LeVay conducted a study of the brain structures of gay and straight men which concluded that the hypothalamus (an area of the brain) of some of the gay men was substantially different than their straight counterparts.

At the time, other scientists raised questions about LeVay's methodology — his research used the cadavers of supposedly gay men whose sexual history

ever, medical ethicists, gay rights activists and even some scientists are sounding the same alarm as LeVay. Not all gay rights groups share that concern — some, like the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest U.S. group for gay and lesbian rights, have seized on the research as potentially helpful to their cause. They feel that presenting sexual orientation as "immutable" may be an easier argument to make than combating anti-gay hatred.

But as Bryson points out, relying on the unchangeability of one's status has not done anything for women or visible minorities. "It has not lessened racism to rely on biological determinism."

And for an increasing number of gay rights groups, ethicists and even some scientists, trying to

Many of the critics of genetic research into sexual orientation point to the larger context in which it is being conducted — that of the Human Genome Project. Started in 1988, the project, which aims to find and map all human genes, now involves the United States, the European Community, Japan and Canada, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Its detractors say the scientific community is not prepared for the potential impact of mapping all human characteristics on a genetic map. And for some, the most worrying aspect of the research lies in its potential to identify group characteristics, making it easier in a society still imbued with racism and homophobia to discriminate against those groups.

# THE NEW

was uncertain and did not address potential environmental causes to explain the difference in size, even though brain structure is partly determined by lifetime experience.

But at the conference in March of 1993, LeVay was less concerned with defending his research than he was with criticizing its potential uses. If homosexuality is seen as having a physical "cause", warned LeVay, then some could also try and find a "cure."

It is not often that a member of the scientific community, which prides itself on presenting its research as neutral, warns peers to think about the social and political implications of that research. But it is also not often that scientific research could have such wide ranging implications for human rights.

Increasingly, how-

find a genetic reason for sexual orientation has more dangers than benefits.

"The idea becomes that if you have a problem in society, you just eliminate it — so you don't fix racism," says Christine Donald, spokesperson for the Coalition of Lesbian and Gay rights in Toronto.

**How many people do you know who would willingly keep an unborn child they presumed had the 'gay gene'?**

**by Simona Chiose**

It is in this context that critics say such research is the first step on a slippery slope which could lead to eugenics — the "science" used by the Third Reich to identify and exterminate Jews, homosexuals and other undesirables.

Even the former head of the U.S. National Centre for Human Genome Research, James Watson, who won the Nobel prize for pioneering the research of genes as DNA sequences, has warned that beyond genetic research lies the spectre of eugenics.

"Statistics on what is deviancy depend on what is considered normalcy," says Bryson. "The results have never been used to benefit a disadvantaged group."

Bryson says this attempt to define "normalcy" is embedded in the Human Genome Project's aim of mapping the whole of human experience into strands of classifiable DNA. Whatever genetic material falls outside that of the majority's will be considered abnormal.

Diana Long, a history professor and director of the women's studies program at the University of Southern Maine, says that the division of sexuality into straight and gay, with heterosexuality being defined as "normal," is fairly recent.

Long says that in the process of establishing what is normal, scientists also create a definition of what is "deviant." Deviancy then is seen as an illness. "Historical construction is based on the construction of the normal and the pathological," says Long.

She points out that historically, discrimination against gays and lesbians was based on exactly this notion of homosexuality as illness, as a condition to be corrected. It was only in 1973, for example, that the American Psychiatric Association dropped its categorization of homosexuality as a mental illness.

From here, say some critics of the research, it is a small jump towards elimination of what is abnormal, of what is effectively defined as a disease. And Bryson says that while in the case of illness, the con-



dition is corrected, in the case of sexual orientation, the person would be corrected.

Current genetic research into sexual orientation is not conclusive and is not developed enough to pinpoint the gene that, if it exists, is responsible for sexual orientation. If it is found, however, a drop of

# UGENICS

'gene' research could have frightening outcome

Source: The Varsity, University of Toronto

blood is all that would be required to test for its presence. That prospect frightens Ann Phillips.

Phillips, a doctoral student at York University, has researched the potential impact of new reproductive technologies.

"If you could test for sexual orientation, you could end up with the same thing that is still happening in some cultures — sex selection. Except you would be selecting based on sexual orientation," says Phillips.

Despite these warnings, most of the research into

## Could the search for the cause of homosexuality lead to another holocaust?

And a report issued last summer by Dean H. Hamer of the National Cancer Institute showed that 33 out of 40 pairs of gay brothers had an identical region in their X chromosomes. Only one study has attempted to establish whether lesbians have similar genetic indications of their sexual orientation. In the study published last spring, Pillard and Bai-

netic information. Nowhere in the report is there mention of the discrimination individuals could face because of their membership in a genetically identifiable and traditionally discriminated-against group.

Meanwhile, research into the possible genetic reasons for sexual orientation continues, all of it based in the United States. After LeVay's study, Richard Pillard of the Boston University School of Medicine and Michael Bailey of Northwestern University con-

on twins, fraternal brothers and adoptive brothers. The results, they said, showed that when one brother was gay, the closer genetically the brothers were, the more likely it was that the other brother would also be gay.

the ethics of genetic research is misdirected, according to Benjamin Freedman.

Freedman, who works at the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and the Law, sat on an advisory committee which was researching what Canada's involvement in the Human Genome Project should be. The committee decided that seven and a half per cent of the money allocated to the project (over \$22 million over five years) be dedicated to researching the ethical implications of the project. Freedman, however, resigned in protest over the focus the ethical research would take.

"Most of the questions of ethics that are being raised are questions of the individual," says Freedman. "They are starting with a model of the one-to-one relationship between doctor and patient, which is essentially a private question."

Indeed, a report on genetic testing issued last year by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada focused solely on how to protect individuals from invasions of privacy and discrimination based on their ge-

ney conducted research similar to their work with gay brothers and found similar results.

Pillard and Bailey, who arguably have conducted the most extensive research into the genetics of sexual orientation, defended their first study in a New York Times opinion piece. In the article, they argued that not only can finding genetic reasons for sexual orientation combat homophobia, but that such evidence satisfies the need to find out why one is gay.

But Christine Donald, of the coalition for lesbian and gay rights in Ontario, isn't curious.

"Why does it matter?," she asks. "It's wrong to discriminate against someone based on their sexual orientation."

For more information, contact the Gay and Lesbian Centre at 684-6869, or Vancouver Lesbian Connection at 254-8458.

Or bring it up with your biology professor.



# New Years

## IN REGINA

by Dug Hébert

This semester break was, for me, one of ugly enlightenment. I spent a week in Regina, Saskatchewan. Regina does not seem to have much of a reputation except for being flat and cold. With no reputation other than that, I imagined the city to be pretty much like the North Pole. Well, let's just say I didn't get a chance to apologize to Santa Claus, but that the place is pretty flat and pretty cold.

Another thing you might or might not hear about the prairies is that a lot of people are extremely racist. And when I say that I don't mean the young punks who hang around Seven Eleven looking for a reason, any reason at all to gang up and harass another individually vulnerable youth. What I am talking about is a condition where the everyday average person in the town is so small minded that a delegate from the Peak, Simon Fraser University's student paper can go to the Emergency Ward with stomach flu only to be given a run-around for three hours until she gives up and returns to the hotel. If a person of color would have told me a similar story a month ago, I probably would have thought that the hospital must have been extremely busy and that their waiting had nothing to do with what they looked like. "They must be paranoid, hospitals aren't racist." That's the way I believe things should be. That's the way I

thought things were. That's not the way things are in Regina.

A delegate from University of Victoria recounted a late night discussion with local police that had taken place, where else, but in a donut shop. He seemed to be trying to laugh the conversation off. His laughing seemed to be his way of handling the shock. I have heard that kind of laughing called hysteria before, but I don't know if his state was quite that extreme.

"One was from the old school and the other seemed to be open minded." Apparently the older officer was profanely ranting about Sikh officers wearing turbans. "The younger officer, she seemed more diplomatic." Apparently most of the older people in the town share the officer's attitude.

Before I left Vancouver, my mother gave me a list of relatives living in the Regina area. I managed to get in touch with a cousin twice removed who does apartment building maintenance. It is probably the attitude of this man that drove home to me the reality of racism. Up until I met him I did not think that racism was an adult thing. Well maybe it isn't. Maybe my middle-aged cousin is not an adult. After all, when I asked him where he would like to go out for dinner he wanted to go to Mac Donald's. But I suppose some of the statements he made to me demon-

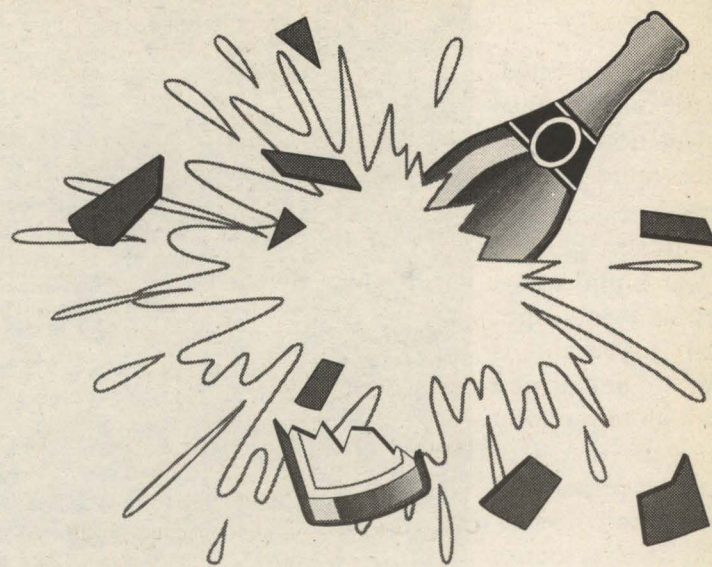
strated to me just how bad things can get.

My cousin drives a pick-up truck. My cousin likes his pick-up truck. One day my cousin's pick-up truck broke down in an Indian Reservation. I think my cousin shat his pants. He managed to find a phone and get in touch with a towing company. It seemed that the towing company smelt him over the phone. "They weren't going to come for me until I told them I was white."

One of the nice thing about the conference was the fact that it was in a four star hotel. One of the interesting things for me was that it was a Delta Hotel. You see, I used to work at the Delta Pacific in Richmond. I got to talking to the maid while she was tidying up my room one morning. She seemed to like working for Delta. "Here I get eight dollars, everywhere else only pays six."

When I worked for the Delta I used to make \$7.70 plus "grats". These grats were explained to us as a portion of a 15% gratuity charge that is added onto the bill of every catering function. It worked out that I was making about ten dollars an hour after working for three months. Somehow I don't think wages have gone down for catering housemen.

We got to talking about education. It seems that the housekeeper has a son attending uni-



versity. She worries about employers classifying him as overqualified when he gets his degree. "It easier for you though," she hints. I ask her what she means-to make sure I'm misinterpreting her comment. A couple of months ago I met a fellow who held the opinion that Canada was racist. I got angry with him a told him he was paranoid. When the Delta housekeeper said, "Well, you're white," all I could say in response was, "it's not supposed to be that way."

Vancouver is not perfect. I'm sure that there are a few people in our city with attitudes a little bit on the ignorant side. Fortunately, most people in Vancouver have the capacity to make a coherent thought or two. If I had been brought up in an environment like Regina, I probably would have fallen prey to the fear and ignorance that this town seems to have. That would be scary. Only after seeing the fear of the past am I able to appreciate the freedom of the present.

## Letters

Dear Editor,

What was the artistic reason for putting a toilet scene on the front page of the November 30th issue?

I. M. Dum

EDITOR:

Why is it that the November 30th issue of the Other Press has the Poetry Pages wide open sitting on the floor of the handicapped bathroom. I, as a poetry reader did not appreciate this. How does poetry relate to the toilet? I completely confused.

Anonymous

EDITOR RESPONSE-

Well, um... poetic justice? The background for the idea came off a toilet stall wall in the mens bathroom down the hall from the Other Press office. The inscription said something to the extent of "The [OP] is the biggest waste of money and trees..." We wanted to prove them wrong. We like our poetry.

## OP Staff and Slaves

or *The Masthead*

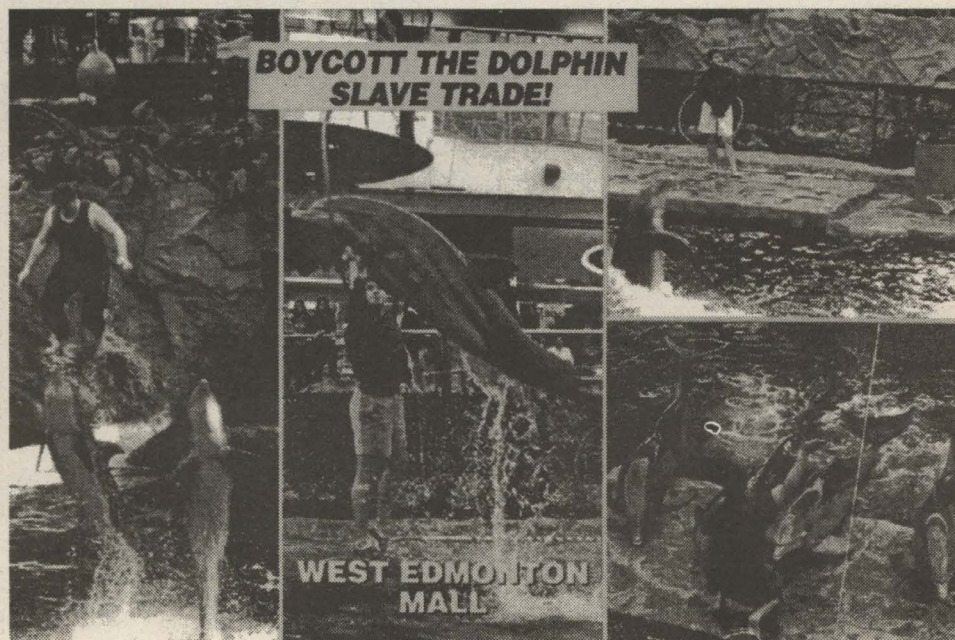
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# A freak show for the nineties

Jim Rose wants you to punch it through your fucking face

from the Ubysey, University of British Columbia  
by Douglas Feris

"Don't look away," Jim Rose says, "you don't get your money's worth."  
If you are one of those poor unfortunates who has never had the change of seeing master entertainer Jim Rose and his Circus Sideshow, now you can. The Jim Rose Circus Sideshow has finally released a 30 minute live video of their on-stage antics. Lucky you. Lucky us.

**THE JIM ROSE CIRCUS SIDESHOW**  
Heaving Video Release  
directed by Jonathan Dayton and Valarie Faris

**NOT  
THE HORSE'S  
MOUTH**  
by Jason Kurylo

by Jason Kurylo  
At last, it's 1994! (Holy shit, can this guy write an original opening for the New Years' column or what?) For my first trick, I'd like to congratulate everyone for their seemingly miraculous survival of the Xmas shopping mall massacre, which laid thousands of people and their respective pocketbooks to waste.  
Next, I'd like to thank all seven people that read my columns last semester. (Six of them were either family members or my girlfriend, who for obvious reasons has since been committed to a very nice home in sunny Port Coquitlam.) Their efforts and support were, and are, greatly appreciated.  
And, with many apologies to Mr. David Letterman, I'd like to list the Top Ten things to do for 1994. Somewhat self-indulgent, but then again, isn't that what student newspapers are for?  
10) Bitch and complain. Sure, it might seem like it comes naturally, but I've got to work at this shit.  
9) Actually get a course I want through the Douglas College Telereg system. I hereby vow to get into a desired course, just once, without having to beg the mercy of an instructor.  
8) This is the year I plan to unmask Pat Quinn for what he really is...Gino Odjick's father! How else can you explain this Neanderthal getting ice time with Trevor and Pavel? Now if I could only prove Tim Hunter's ancestry...  
7) Read the Bible. Don't get me wrong; I think it's a load of bunk, but

If you're not familiar with the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow, poor you. He spent years gathering together his collections of strange humans, because he believes "people are tired of things that are slick, contrived, choreographed, manipulated, and clean. It is time for some entertainment that is live real, raw, and dangerous."  
Rose himself is a crucial part of this stage-based science show delivering stomach-churning one-liners while he and his pals perform their amazing art-form.  
For instance, Mr. Lifto uses all of his eleven body piercings to life various objects. Rose says that "his act is the most popular public display since the outlawing of hangings."  
He lifts iron with his nipples, and a

it's bound to be a great read...Think about it: it's got love, murder, adventure, not to mention floods, wars, earth-quakes, volcanoes, mystery, and there are more morals in these stories than you can shake a stick at! It's got everything a great work of fiction should have. (But if you ever see me trying to spray holy water in one of the computer labs, give me a good swift kick, or something.)  
6) Travel the east coast. Only one motive here: See the Boston Garden and the Montreal Forum before they close. Anyone else up for this one?  
5) Write to Jean Cretien, and find out just why the air seems oh-so much sweeter since he punted those damned Tories out the door. (There's no need to be alarmed. No one will ever change the way the country is truly run, so your taxes'll go up just like last year.)  
4) Buy new shoes.  
3) Here's the only resolution I make, and I make it each and every year: This year, I plan to annoy every single smoker that I come into contact with, just as much as s/he does me. (Note that if you're the type of smoker that offends easily, you probably shouldn't read the next issue's Mouth. If you're not, then nyah nyah write a letter.)  
2) Start a letter-writing campaign to get The Ralph Benmergui Show cancelled. Have you ever seen this thing? It makes Rick Dees look like...okay, maybe not Rick Dees...It makes The Pat Sajak Show look like Byron Allen...No, it makes John & Leeza look like Sally Jessy...No, wait...It sucks, alright?  
And the #1 thing I plan to do in 1994:  
1) Smack upside the head any asshole that complains about the Other Press being a brutal read, and then follows it up by not having the balls (or the genitalia of your choice) to try to write something him/herself.  
Once again, I would like to thank the four devoted readers of this column (Damn, smokers are sensitive...), and wish you all a successful '94.

suitcase with his tongue. "Beautiful, Lifto, beautiful." Then, Rose announces, "the amazing Mr. Lifto will out a hook through the end of his dick and lift up these two irons..." He sure does, but unless you're like me, don't try this at home. I really, really, really like it when people love what their good at.  
The Torture King is world famous for what he can endure. Sometimes he walks on razor sharp swords, sometimes he just puts a blowtorch out on his tongue. This time he does the human pin-cushion act which Rose says has made junkies faint.  
To Rose's chant of "punch it, punch it" and "quit teasing them," the Torture King gives himself a couple hundred dollars worth of piercings in about three minutes with close two five inch needles.

Rose tells him, "I will never exploit you Torture King-NOW PUNCH IT THROUGH YOUR FUCKING FACE!"  
Rose serenades the Torture King, "You're too good to be true, can't take my eyes off you."  
The extraction of the needle is even more difficult. "Sometimes it goes off like a GEYSER... sometimes like a SPRINKLER, eighty percent of the time, blood free. Trickles don't count."  
The beautiful "world class eccentric" Enigma-he is fully illustrated as a jigsaw puzzle-swallows things for a living. He eats nightcrawlers, crickets, and maggots not to mention swords.  
Sword-swallowing was outlawed in 1987 because of two deaths. The sword the Enigma swallows is two inches longer than those were. It's amazing to watch Enigma's eyes glaze over after he pulls twenty-two inches of cold steel out of his throat.

Matt "The Tube" Crawley can suck


condoms up his nostril and pull them out his mouth and he even reversed the process. Neato! What he is famous for though is Gevage," which means shoving a net of tubing down his throat to

his stomach and pumping various substances-a mixture of beer, icing, chocolate and Maalox-out.  
If being a freak is this much fun, I want to run away to join the sideshow.



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Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 15	BCCAA #3	Capilano	9 am
Feb. 12	BCCAA #4	HOME	9 am
Feb. 26	BCCAA Championships	@ Malaspina	
Mar.9-12	CCAA Nationals	Truro, Nova Scotia	



## Volleyball

### Womens' Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 22	Selkirk	HOME	6 pm
Jan. 23	Selkirk	HOME	10 am
Jan. 28	Okanagan	Okanagan	6 pm
Jan. 29	Okanagan	Okanagan	12 noon
Feb. 11	BCIT	BCIT Campus	6 pm
Feb. 12	BCIT	BCIT Campus	6 pm
Feb. 19	Malaspina	Malaspina	6 pm
Feb. 20	Malaspina	Malaspina	12 noon
Feb. 25-26	BCCAA Championships	Cariboo College	
Mar. 9-12	CCAA Championships	—, Calgary	

### Mens' Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 22	Selkirk	HOME	6 pm
Jan. 23	Selkirk	HOME	12 noon
Jan. 28	Okanagan	Okanagan	8 pm
Jan. 29	Okanagan	Okanagan	2 pm
Feb. 11	BCIT	BCIT Campus	8 pm
Feb. 12	BCIT	BCIT Campus	8 pm
Feb. 19	Malaspina	Malaspina	8 pm
Feb. 20	Malaspina	Malaspina	2 pm
Feb. 25-26	BCCAA Championships	Selkirk College	
Mar. 9-12	CCAA Championships	—, Calgary	

Jan. 16	Velox vs. DC	12:15pm
Jan. 23	Incognitos vs. DC	4pm
Jan. 30	UBC vs DC	12:15pm
Feb. 13	DC vs UVic	12:15pm
Feb. 20	makeup Games	
Feb. 27	DC vs. SFU	2:30pm
Mar. 6	VRC vs DC	12:15pm
Mar. 21	playoffs	
Mar. 27	finals	

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## Basketball



### Womens' Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 14	UCFV	Clearbrook Com.Ctr.	8 pm
Jan. 15	VCC Langara	VCC Campus	6 pm
Jan. 21	Capilano	Capilano, Vanc.	4:45 pm
Jan. 28	Okanagan	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 4	Trinity Western U.	HOME	6 pm
Feb. 5	UCFV	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 11	Malaspina	Malaspina	4 pm
Feb. 12	Capilano	HOME	6 pm
Feb. 18	Cariboo	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 19	VCC Langara	HOME	6 pm
Feb. 24-27	BCCAA SemiFinals	home-court advantage	
Mar. 3-6	BCCAA Finals	home-court advantage	
Mar. 16-19	CCAA Nationals	Lethbridge, Alberta	

### Mens' Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 14	UCFV	Clearbrook Com. Ctr.	6pm
Jan. 15	VCC Langara	Langara Campus	8 pm
Jan. 21	Capilano	Capilano	8:45 pm
Feb. 4	Trinity Western U.	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 5	UCFV	HOME	6 pm
Feb. 11	Malaspina	Malaspina	6 pm
Feb. 12	Capilano	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 13	Grays Harbour	USA	7 pm
Feb. 13	Central Washington	USA	7 pm
Feb. 18	Cariboo	HOME	6 pm
Feb. 19	VCC Langara	HOME	8 pm
Feb. 20	Cariboo	Cariboo College	8 pm
Feb. 24-27	BCCAA SemiFinals	home-court advantage	
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